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**REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT
FAIRNESS HEARING
For
SMALL BUSINESS
Thursday, October 14, 2004
Charleston, West Virginia**

This is a public hearing sponsored by the US SBA to assist small business owners with unfair or excessive federal regulatory enforcement issues. Goal - The goal is to inform small entities of their right to file a formal comment about excessive federal regulatory enforcement. A secondary goal is to educate the public, local communities, stakeholders and SBA staff about the mission and role of the Office of the National Ombudsman. This hearing will provide an opportunity for the small business community and its leadership to discuss federal regulatory enforcement activities.

Who: SMALL BUSINESSES, business & community leaders, local federal agency representatives, small business resource providers, and trade organization representatives are welcome to participate and may testify about federal regulatory enforcement to invited members of the congressional delegation; Regional Fairness Board Members; and SBA NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN SENIOR ADVISOR Peter Sorum. Officials from KEY FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES will answer questions and describe their agency's efforts to comply with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA).

Where: 405 Capitol Street
4th Floor Conference Room
Charleston, WV 25301

When: Thursday, October 14, 2004 – 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

How: Call the WV SBA District Office at 304/623-5631 ext. 233 or email to david.manley@sba.gov to schedule your small businesses' testimony or sign up at the conference prior to the start of the hearing. Oral and written testimony is invited. Office of National Ombudsman web site: www.sba.gov/ombudsman

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT SPACE AND TESTIMONY TIME ARE LIMITED.



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